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Hi all, flagging that we need to decide this morning how to respond to Daily Caller's question about current water quality.

I want to be quite sure that we're being fully transparent and accurate about the rivers (a) being safe, and (b) having returned to the same condition they had been in before the release.

Here's the latest version, as edited by David Ostrander. Please voice any concerns with this language as soon as possible – I'd like to send to the reporter by 11am eastern.

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Thanks,

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Thanks David. Are those pockets higher than pre-incident at this time of the season?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 19, 2016, at 6:21 PM, Ostrander, David <Ostrander.David@epa.gov> wrote:

See changes below. Not sure how we phrase the sediment data at this point, but we are seeing some pockets of sediment where results are higher than pre-incident in the Animas above Durango, based on the data we have. This sediment will be washing downstream with higher flows. EPA will be sampling to monitor changes in river water and sediment quality over time.

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+ Rich and Laura in R8

Thank you Tom. Deb McKean can likely help us sort this out.

Here is the updated proposal for the language:

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Importance: High

We do not have the data on pre-event conditions. Will reach out to Region 8.

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Are these exceedances above pre-event conditions?

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Nancy et al. – we are taking our first look at the fall “objective A” data, comparing it to the thresholds Region 8 sent us that were used during the immediate incident response.

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Number of Stations Sampled = 27

Date Range for all data = 10/26/2015-11/19/2016

Number of Parameters Reported on = 29

Number of exceedances = 72

Number of non-duplicate exceedances = 65 (some were duplicates)

Parameters with exceedances = Aluminum(1), Cadmium(1), Cobalt(1), Copper(2), Lead(12), Manganese(51), Zinc(2)

Number of Stations with exceedances = 25

Thus, may want to be more cautious in the response to the inquiry from Daily Caller?

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Want to loop ord and ow in on this – to make sure we are all aligned. Thanks ng

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Randy and Nancy,

Ethan Barton of the Daily Caller is asking about current water quality conditions.

Can I send him the graph below, with these edits?

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Suggest making it more consumer-friendly. For example:

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Here are the two submitted questions RE NN and NM. Please send any revisions to me ASAP as we're prepping the SME at 10:00 am MDT.

1. The Navajos claim they are not convinced it is safe to open their irrigation canal for their crops. Is the water from the San Juan of acceptable quality for irrigation?

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2. What is EPA's response to claims by New Mexico Environment Director Flynn regarding continuing impairments and the likelihood that spring runoff will disturb sediment, causing additional spikes in contaminants downstream?

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Need to add Sona and Rusty from R9. I think we have some language that we've used previously...

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On Feb 19, 2016, at 9:03 AM, "Jenkins, Laura Flynn" <Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

Interview is scheduled for 3:30 MDT.

Yes, will run NN response past Kelly.

Should be at my desk in about 90 minutes and will route stuff them.

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On Feb 19, 2016, at 5:13 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks .. can we make sure the answer on the Navajos is coordinated with Kelly zito – copied here?

Also – looping olem on the last 2 questions – can we get some sort of statement that the region can refer to?

What time is the filming? Thanks ng

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Plus Laura.

Below is what Rick Sallinger has shared as questions. I told him we'd be able to provide someone who can address 1-3 from solely a water quality assessment and monitoring context, but won't be able to get into any level of detail on 4-5. He seemed to understand but I expect we will have to remind him that Karen represents a very specific task and function and area of expertise.

We know that he has spoken with New Mexico and Navajo and that he will focus on their concerns and criticisms re: WQ impacts.

We can work up very short, general answers on 4 and 5, but Karen will make clear that she hasn't been involved in those activities and that Laura and I can make sure he gets any info he needs. If you want to draft answers for 4-5 that's fine as well...

1. *Six months later how would you describe the state of affairs given what what happened at the Gold King?*
2. *Where has there been lasting impact from the spill and in what form?*
3. *The Navajos claim they are not convinced it is safe to open their irrigation canal for their crops. Is the water from the San Juan of acceptable quality for irrigation?*
4. *What has been done to prevent a similar reoccurrence of such a spill?*
5. *What impact will Superfund designation have if that occurs for the Bonita Mine area?*

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